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- 1. A method of granting access to content on a storage medium (101), comprising obtaining cryptographic data (Y) from a property (102) of the storage medium (101), reading helper data (W) from the storage medium (101), and granting the access based on an application of a delta-contracting function to the cryptographic data (Y) and the helper data (W).
- 2. The method of claim 1, comprising deriving a decryption key (K) for decrypting the content at least from the application of the delta-contracting function.
- 10 3. The method of claim 2, comprising deriving the decryption key (K) further from data supplied by a playback or recording apparatus (400).
- 4. The method of claim 1, in which the access is granted if the output of the delta-contracting function corresponds to a control value (V) recorded on the storage medium
 15 (101).
 - 5. The method of claim 4, comprising applying a cryptographic function to the output of the delta-contracting function and comparing the output of the cryptographic function to the control value (V).
 - 6. The method of claim 5, in which the cryptographic function is a one-way hash function.
- 7. The method of claim 1, in which the delta-contracting function involves a combination of a matrix multiplication on the cryptographic data (Y), a linear addition of at least a portion of the helper data (W), a quantization in which the quantization areas are defined by a portion of the helper data (W), and error correction decoding.

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- 8. A device (110) arranged for granting access to content on a storage medium (101), comprising first reading means (112) for obtaining cryptographic data (Y) from a property (102) of the storage medium (101), second reading means (112) for reading helper data (W) from the storage medium (101), and access control means for granting the access based on an application of a delta-contracting function to the cryptographic data (Y) and the helper data (W).
- 9. A playback and/or recording apparatus (400) comprising a device (101) as claimed in claim 8 and arranged to effect the playback and/or recording if access is granted by the device (110).
 - 10. A computer program product arranged to cause a processor to execute the method of claim 1.